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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 05 April 2006, Applicants request reconsideration of the final rejection of Claims 1, 3, 7-15, 17-22 and 24-43.

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